

1. An electronic radiotelephone comprising a first and second housing for housing the electronic components of the radiotelephone; the first housing having a element with an operating surface and a formation arranged to co-operate with a complementary formation on the second housing for releasably attaching the first housing to the second housing; the element being movable between a first and a second position such that when the element is in the first position the formation and complementary formation are arranged to co-operate to allow the first housing to be coupled to the second housing and when in the second position allow the second housing to be removed from the first housing; the element being resiliently biased into the first position and arranged to allow a user to urge the element, via the operating surface, into the second position during the removal of the second housing from the first housing, thereby allowing the second housing to be removed from the first housing without interference from the element.

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2. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the first housing is presented away from a user during operation of the radiotelephone and the second housing is presented towards a user during operation of the radiotelephone.

3. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, further comprising retaining means for retaining the electronic components of the radiotelephone to the first housing.

4. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the second housing has a lip for engaging with the element to allow the first housing to be coupled to the second housing.

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5. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the element is a flexible hinge.

5 6. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the first housing further comprises retaining means for retaining the electronic components of the radiotelephone to the second housing.

10 7. A radiotelephone according to claim 1, further comprising means for urging the second housing away from the first housing to aid the removal of the second housing from the first housing.

15 8. A radiotelephone according to claim 7, wherein the means for urging comprises a spring associated with the first housing and arranged to be compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

9. A radiotelephone according to claim 7, wherein the means for urging comprises a spring associated with the second housing and arranged to be compressed when the first and second housings are coupled

20 10. A radiotelephone according to claim 7, wherein the means for urging comprises a rubber seal associated with the first housing and arranged to be compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

25 11. A radiotelephone according to claim 7, wherein the means for urging comprises a rubber seal associated with the second housing and arranged to be compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

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